

Appl. No. 10/807,889
Amdt. Dated January 11, 2006
Reply to Office Action of October 12, 2005

Attorney Docket No. 81864.0037
Customer No. 26021

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 12, 2005. Claims 1-10, 12-17, and 19-34 remain in this application. Claim 11 is canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 7, 12, 14, 24-29, and 32-34 are the independent Claims. Claim 7, 26, and 27 have been amended. It is believed that no new matter is involved in the amendments or arguments presented herein. Reconsideration and entrance of the amendment in the application are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 3 of the Office Action, Claims 1-6, 12-17, 19-25, and 28-33 were allowed. In addition, Claim 11 were indicated to be allowable if re-written to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner and formally recognizes the allowed claims and the allowable subject matter of Claim 11.

Claims Objections

On page 3 of the Office Action, Claim 11 was objected to for been dependent on rejected base Claims, but would be allowable if re-written to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has rewritten the claims in independent form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the above objection are respectfully requested.

Art-Based Rejections

Claims 7-9, 26, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0118484 (Nishizawa). Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the same.

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In response, Independent Claims 7, 26, and 27 have been amended to include the allowable features of the original Claim 11, and are thus allowable. Claim 10 depends from amended independent Claim 7 and is similarly allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of the above claims are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

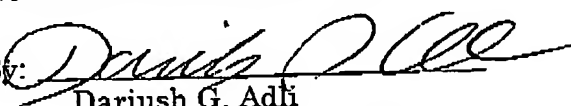
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6809 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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